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hastily but we must move." Well, I guess in a sense we just moved, wrong direction but we moved. So let's hope that we can turn that around and move in a more positive direction on Select File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers. We are speaking to the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, LB 643 as it was originally introduced and as, if I understand it correctly, what it is back to, I cannot support because there are some sections in LB 643 that I think are rather dangerous. It is a strange paradox it seems to me that this body would choose to not advance the Public Works Committee's amendments but instead would choose to go back to the original 643. There is one section in the original 643 that does not authorize the transportation of water from one piece or parcel of land to another. I think this is going to cause a terrible problem in some areas in the State of Nebraska but, obviously, that is what this body wants to do. Now similar to Senator Wesely, I had some comments I would like to make but under the circumstances I guess they are not exactly germane and not exactly needed but I think we have made a point to the people of the State of Nebraska and I hope the newspapers picked it up, I hope the media in general picked it up. Once again we told the people of the State of Nebraska that this body doesn't have the guts to address water issues. We simply do not want to do it. Now maybe it is because it is an election year. I have no idea but quite frankly it disturbs me and it disturbs the people that I represent when you are using our lifeblood, water of the State of Nebraska, to play politics with and that is exactly, ladies and gentlemen, what we are doing, and as a member of this body, I am not very proud of that. Now if the rest of you can go back home and tell your people you are proud of it, then that is fine. You do it but I can't.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay. The question before the House is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. The motion before the House is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes and 0 nays.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Sieck.